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The exact location of the "Spofa" National Enterprise is indicated by the circled number one, Enclosure A, and the detailed description of the Enterprise is given on Enclosure B, with legend.

1. Products: The "Spofa" National Enterprise manufactures aspirin, **fructose**, glucose, "migrenal" and various drugs. Iodine, one of the basic raw materials used by the enterprise, is imported in crystalline form, from the USSR.
2. Technical Equipment: one lathe, three large refrigerators (these machines are used for mixing), three small refrigerators, six centrifuges for concentrating liquid glucose to powder, two "duplicators" (steam-heated mixers into which sugar is poured, mixed and melted), one dryer, one compressor for pumping water, two French machines for manufacturing aspirin, and two crushers. An electric locomotive was used to transport material or finished products about the factory. In addition to this, the enterprise owned one "Praga" five-ton truck, and the director had an automobile at his disposal.

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5. Political Affiliations: Approximately 30 of the 120 employees were Communists. There was an enterprise organization of the Czechoslovak Federation of Youth, but its members did not engage in any outstanding political activities.
6. Shifts: The enterprise operated on a two-shift system, from 0600 to 1400 hours, and from 1400 hours to 2200 hours daily.
7. Approaches: There were two approaches to the enterprise: a road from Horatev to Zwerinek; and a railroad which went past the enterprise to a nearby station.
8. Security: The enterprise militia consisted of five men who wore dark blue overalls and a red arm-band (on the left arm), inscribed with the letters "ZM". Two full-time firemen, employed by the enterprise, had a motorized fire pump at their disposal.
9. Warehouses: There were two warehouses, one of them housing sugar, iodine and various pharmaceutical raw materials; the other housing such items as tubes, sheet metal, pumps and various materials used for maintenance of machinery. The entire enterprise operated on electric power and steam.
10. Morale: The morale of the workers was not very good; the younger workers, in particular, constantly muttered, and were not in accord with the principles of the regime. The results of Communist propaganda among the workers were negligible. Only a few believed the Communist lies. The others laughed at the propaganda, and many often longed for the times of the First Republic. Once a month, there was an all-enterprise meeting, attendance at which was compulsory for all employees.
11. Drugs manufactured at the "Spofa" National Enterprise were sent only to the main warehouses of "Spofa" in Prague and Brno.
12. The "Spofa" National Enterprise also sponsored a Unified Agricultural Cooperative in Horatev.

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ENCLOSURES: (A): Sketch-map of Nymburk region, showing location of "Spofa" Enterprise.  
(B): Detailed sketch of "Spofa" Enterprise, with legend.

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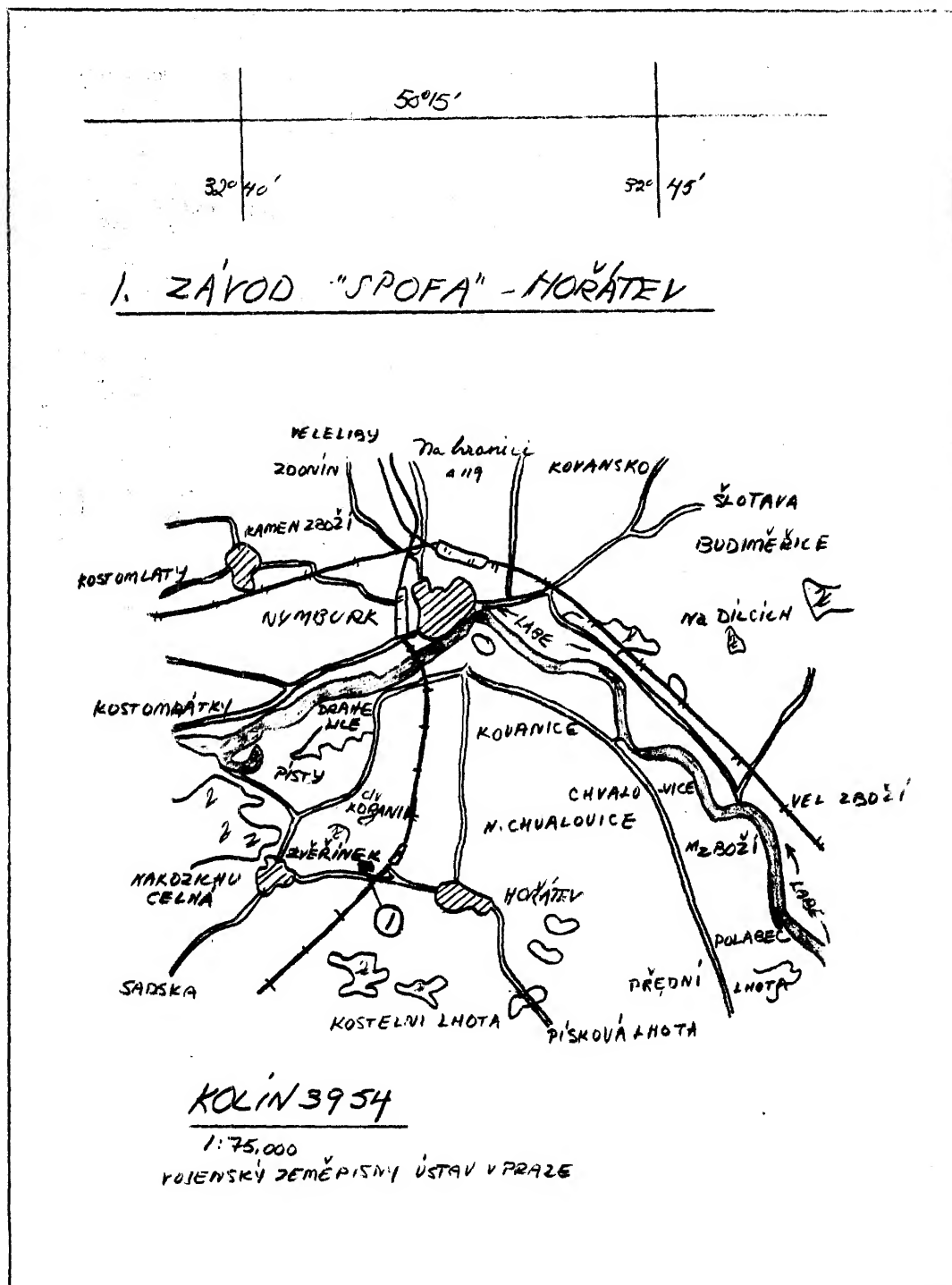
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ENCLOSURE (A)

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SKETCH MAP OF NYMBURK REGION, SHOWING LOCATION OF "SPOFA" ENTERPRISE



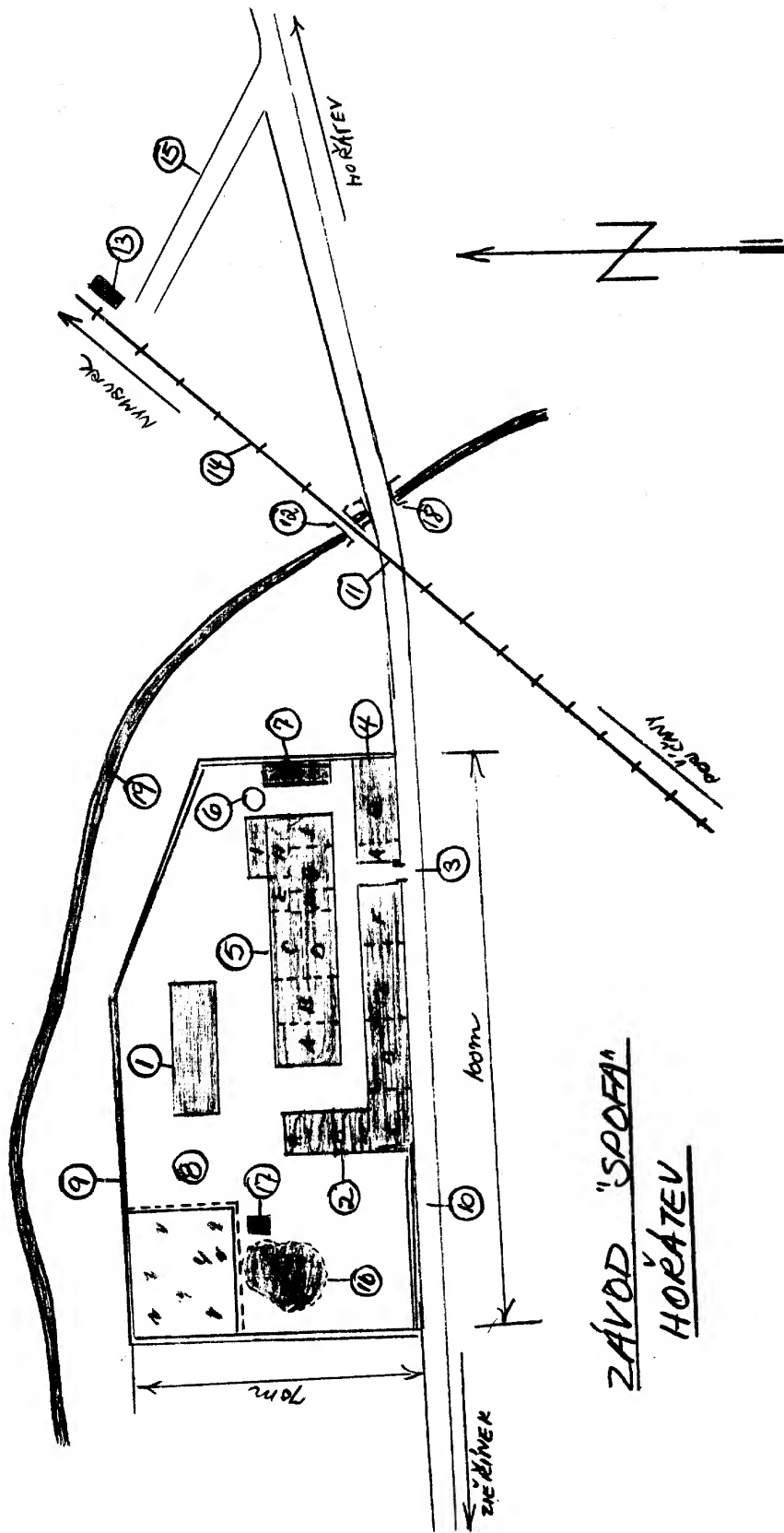
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## DETAILED SKETCH OF "SPOFA" ENTERPRISE, WITH LEGEND

"SPOFA" ENTERPRISE



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Legend to Enclosure B, "Spofa" National Enterprise:

1. Warehouse: new brick building, 25 by 10 by 7 meters
2. L-shaped brick building, 40 meters long, 10 meters wide; the wing is 20 meters long, 10 meters wide, and about 3½ meters high
  - A. Old machine storage space
  - B. Sugar, crate, and bottle storage
  - C. Carpenter shop
  - D. Wrapping shop for "migrenal"
  - E. Factory kitchen and dining room
  - F. Quarters for Engineer (fnu) Vanlicka, one of the specialists
3. Metal doors: 5 by 3 meters
4. Brick building, 20 by 10 by 5, containing:
  - A. Gatehouse
  - B. Office of the Director, Paymaster, and the supply office
5. Brick building, 40 by 10 by 5 meters, (the sections indicated by C and D are 8 meters high, not 5)
  - A. This department houses three large refrigerators
  - B. Glucose section, housing two duplicators and three refrigerators
  - C. Drying plant: bottles are filled with glucose
  - D. Section housing six centrifuges
  - E. Electric materials storage
  - F. I do not know the contents of this section
  - G. Pharmaceutical section: wrapping, preparation, and dispatching of various drugs, in powder form
  - H. Boiler room: one boiler
  - I. Mechanic's workshop: brick building, 12 by 6 by 3 meters
  - J. So-called "powder" room: type of medication produced here is unknown to me
6. Brick chimney, about 15 meters high
7. Locker rooms and wash rooms
8. Forest (park)
9. Barbed wire fence surrounding the plant
10. Highway
11. Level crossing of railroad line: unprotected
12. Concrete bridge: 2 meters high, 6 meters long, 4 meters wide. This bridge spans a brook
13. Railroad station
14. Single line railroad from Poricany to Nymburg
15. Road to railroad station
16. Pond, 20 by 10 meters
17. Concrete building, housing two electric pumps
18. Culvert
19. Brook.